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From your President, John Kielty

It's amazing all the subjects I've become interested in since starting my family history. Over the holidays I've read a couple of books. They were just two random picks, or Freudian picks. I read Mapping Human History, discovering the past through our genes, by Steve Olson. Each chapter explored the genetic history of a continent. As scientists studied the Y chromosomes passed father to son, and the mitochondrial DNA that is maternally transmitted, they found that as you went back in time, the mathematics of a pyramid leads us from daughter to mother to grandmother, many generations back, theoretically to one woman. This woman is the genetic mother of everyone on earth. The same happens to the study of Y chromosomes, son to father, back to our common father.

The book also explores the idea of race. As scientists are growing in understanding of our DNA code, could they tell Chinese from Bantu African, or Swedish European? What people think of as race are a few exterior characteristics, there are light Europeans and dark Europeans, light Africans and dark Africans, but we are just talking about a scale with a light value at one end and a dark value at the other. The main differences we see are cultural, with a direct relationship to nutrition. We are the Human race, "All God's children" to quote the hymn.

The other book I read was Discovering Saints Book, holy men and women thru the ages. It has short biographies about the life and times of many Christian men and women who lived and some who died in extraordinary ways. I'm connected to all people who share my faith and values. Even if they died in the Roman Coliseum, faced the Huns in Poland, or started a school, hospital, or orphanage. Are we connected then and now? There is a good statistical chance that since I'm Irish, St. Patrick preached to an ancestor of mine in that green land.

Family history proves our connectedness. We follow mothers and fathers back through time, looking for births, marriages, and deaths. We gather evidence and state our case, going back until the records stop. We are all related. Two of our society members recently discovered that they were 8th cousins. We can be related through culture, faith, values, and through the common genes that make us human.

Have a good New Year, treat each other with respect and kindness. Do something new and good this year. Use your time well. Have more than one Happy New Year's Day, make it 365 days long.

November Meeting Notes by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The November meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was called to order by John Kielty. The secretary and treasurer's report were read and accepted. The treasurer requested permission to remove \$1000 from the checking account to purchase two \$500 CD's. This was moved and accepted.

We had a discussion on upgrading our Ancestry.com subscription. The only level we do not subscribe to is the newspaper and, at this point, they only have one year of the Omaha paper digitalized. The level we have now is costing us \$129 per year; the newspaper level would cost us an additional \$49 per year. Nancy stated that we received an advertisement from another company that will digitalize papers that are requested. Dale Masters asked that Nancy evaluate the two programs and report back in the January meeting.

The Society received a Christmas present from Nancy Gross and Nancy Scheer. They offered to let us do marriage license lookups some night after hours. This will be discussed again at the January meeting and a February date will be set up.

The Norfolk Daily News has given us permission to do computer extracts on the obits. Their old system is DOS based and will be very time consuming to extract these, but this needs to be done before the computer crashes there. They, also, have agreed to donate their entire photo morgue to the Museum. Basically these are from the 50's and 60's and are starting to deteriorate. This will greatly enhance the Research Center's historical information.

An advertisement was received about putting cemetery information in the National Cemetery Book. There is no charge to do this listing. A suggestion was made that we contact a local mortician and see if they will give us last years Funeral Directors Book. The January meeting will be held at the Brass Lantern on January 21st at 6:00 pm.

After the meeting and program a surprise party was held for Dave and Nancy Zaruba to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

November Program

At the November 19th meeting, Mickie Ryan and Tommie Tracy presented a program on their last summer's research trip to several northeastern states, accompanied by maps and photos. Their trip included visits to state archives, town halls, cemeteries, and courthouses—and stops along the way at historical sites. They brought photos of genealogical sites especially for surnames Stowell, Tracy, Denison, Griswold, Johnson, McDowell, Divens, Moore, Winslow, Leffingwell, Bushnell, Bourne, Hyde, Abel, Champion, and Havens. Their research took them to Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Tommie and Mickie have been friends for thirty years, but in the course of their Connecticut research, they found a common ancestor, Samuel Hyde of Hartford, who lived in the 1600s. So, much to their surprise, they discovered that they are actually eighth cousins!

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Madison Public Library	P.O. Box 387, Madison, NE 68748
Meadow Grove Public Library	P.O. Box 198, Meadow Grove, NE 68752
Newman Grove Public Library	615 Hale Avenue, Newman Grove, NE 68758
Norfolk Public Library	308 West Prospect Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701
Tilden Public Library	P.O. Box 457, Tilden, NE 68781
Western Reserve Historical Society	10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106
Library of Congress Exchange and Gift Division	Washington, D.C. 20540

These organizations receive our newsletter and publish a newsletter in exchange that they send to us. They are available in our Society library.

"Leafy Branches" Adams County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 424, Hastings, NE 68902-0424

"The Scout" Boone-Nance County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 231, Belgrade, NE 68623

"Out on a Limb" Dodge/Jefferson County Gen. Society, P.O. Box 91, Watertown, WI 53094-0091

"Roots and Leaves" quarterly also a monthly newsletter Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 541, Fremont, NE 68026-0541

Eikhorn Valley Historical Society, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE 68701

"Phelps Helps" Holdrege Area Genealogical Club, P.O. Box 164, Holdrege, NE 68949-0164

"Connections" Leila Stahl Buffett Genealogical Center, P.O. Box 258, West Point, NE 68788-0258

Newsletter Lincoln-Lancaster County Gen. Society, P.O. Box 30055, Lincoln, NE 68503-0055

"Nebraska Ancestry" and "New Brass Key" Nebraska State Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5608, Lincoln, NE 68508-5608

NISIAN Nebraskans of Irish/Scotch-Irish Ancestry, P.O. Box 5049, Lincoln, NE 68505-5049

"NENGS Notes" Northeastern Nebraska Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 249, Lyons, NE 68038

"The Wagoner" Northwest Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6, Alliance, NE 69301-0006

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"Homesteader" Southeast Nebraska Gen. Society, Beatrice Public Library Heritage Room, 100 North 16th St., Beatrice, NE 68310

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"Bridging the Years" Wayne County Genealogical Society, 220 Sherman, Wayne, NE 68787

"Wahkaw" Woodbury County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 624, Sioux City, IA 51102-0624

Hooker County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 280, Mullen, NE 69152-0280

Seward County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 72, Seward, NE 68434-0072

Research Center News

New Additions to the Research Center Collections

Postcards

Mary Voss Collection: Norfolk Post Office, Hotel Norfolk, Carnegie Library, McMill Building, Y.M.C.A., Greetings from Norfolk, Sugar City Cereal Mills—2 views, Mill Dam over the Northfork River, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Motor Boat Racing, German Lutheran Church, Catholic Church, Congregational Church, Christ Lutheran School & Church, Presbyterian Church, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Baptist Church, M. e. church, Grace English Lutheran Church, Lincoln, School, High School, Aerial View of Norfolk High School, State Hospital—5 views, Circus Parade, Norfolk Avenue west from Third Street, Street, Mill Dam, Street Scene, Oxnard Hotel, American Express Company, 2 views of Country Club, Koenigstein Ave., Municipal Auditorium, Marquardt Building, New Union Pacific Depot, Coal Shutes at Norfolk Junction, Johnson Park, 3 views of Silent Night at Johnson Park, Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, 4 more views of Ta-Ha-Zouka, Campbell Clinic, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Assumption Academy, Sacred Heart School, First Nebr. State Prison, Nebr. Penitentiary, Normal College Wayne, Mill Pond—Pierce, Pierce Co. Court House, 5th St. Residence—Pierce, Bridge over Elkhorn—Oakdale, Tilden—New German Church, Tilden Public School, St. Paul's Lutheran Church—West Point, Neligh Mills, Old Historic Grist Mill—Verdigre, Pilger flood of 1915, Pilger Street Scene, Greetings from Stanton, Rock Garden at Johnson Park, Meridian Bridge at Yankton, Square Turn Tractor, Norfolk Junction Depot, Water Power Dam—Norfolk, State Hospital Chapel, Red Cloud Agency, and several more. Main Street of Norfolk: Flood of 1912—2 views, C & N. W. Depot in South Norfolk.

Books

A Walking Tour of Norfolk by Don Edwards, Lindy Lore, 1928-1978, Birds of Nebraska, Nebraska Rivers, Nebraska Place-Names, My four Years in Germany by James Gerard 1917, Historic Buildings of Madison County, Yearbook from Central High School Aberdeen South Dakota, Schuyler Neb. Centennial 1870-1970, Royal Centennial 1890-1990, Concentration Camp Dachau 1933-1945, Balkan Express, American West, Before Barbed Wire, The Frontier Years, Life Goes to War: a picture history of World War II, Portrait of the Plains, Lutheran Church in America: 1962-1987, Nebraska Historic Highway Survey 2002, Negro Revolt, Bury my heart at Wounded Knee, Red Man's Land-White Man's Law, Mysteries of the Past, Fishing (Nebraskaland Magazine), Images of America: Nebraska Court-houses, Old Farmers Almanac, American Library Directory, Bedstemor's Kokken: Hansen Heritage Recipes 1879-1998.

Scanned Photos

C. St. P. M. & O water tank in course of construction, A busy day at the Stock Yards, And more hogs, Square Turn Tractor Demonstration, Fifth St. looking South from Madison Ave., Madison Ave. looking west from Sixth St., Sunday on Norfolk Ave., Norfolk Ave. east from 5th St., Bridge across Elkhorn River, A Dam Site-better view, Central Park—3 views, 2 views of the Canning Factory, Bob on the Mill Dam, Looking north from the C. St. P. M. & O Railroad Bridge, Farmer's Grain & Livestock Co's concrete elevator during construction, Klein Brothers, Park Avenue, Norfolk Ave. east from 13th St., Square Turn Tractor, Titan Tractor, Moline Tractor. Photo of Johnny Carson with inscription to Chuck (Howser), Johnny Carson and Elvis Presley together, 3 views of Andy's Tire Service Band.

Other

Family Tree Record of Peters Family from 1881 to 1902
Clipping Scrapbook from the Battle Creek papers including weddings, funerals, etc.
GBC Comb binding machine for binding booklets.

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1889 Norfolk City Directory (Cont.)

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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O'Banion, Thomas A., bds. as above.

O'Banion, Albert P., bds. as above.

O'Banion, Miss Lucy, bds. as above.

O'Banion, J., res. St. rear Park Ave. nw cor. 6th.

O'Banion, Mrs. E., res. the same.

O'Banion, Wm. M., bds. at J. O'Banion's.

Oesterling, Jno., harness maker, Norfolk Ave. east of 1st; res. up stairs.

Oesterling, Mrs. C. W., res. the same.

Ogden, Mrs. S. J., lives at O. E. Livingston's.

O'Gorman, Thomas, bds. at A. T. Hull's.

Olney, John E.[or F.], merchant, nw cor. Norfolk Ave. and 1st., res. sw cor. 1st and Madison Ave.

Olney, Mrs. C., res. the same.

O'Ray, Miss Martha, domestic at H. M. Huggins'.

Orr, Frank, res. se cor. 2nd and Park Ave.

Orr, Mrs. D., res. the same.

Ostin, L. J., 211 Norfolk Ave; res. Michigan Ave. betw. 3rd and 4th, 1-h-s.

Ostin, Mrs. K., res. the same.

Otto, Carl, laborer, res. Prospect Ave. betw. 12th and 13th, north side.

Otto, Mrs. — —., res. the same.

Overholser, S. H., (Cobb & Overholser), 436 Norfolk Ave.; res. nw cor. 10th and Norfolk Ave.

Overholser, Mrs. M. T., res. the same.

Overton, Steve, conductor on U.P., res. se cor. Nebraska Ave. and 10th.

Overton, Mrs. M. L., res. the same.

Owen, D. P., traveling salesman, res. 4th betw. Grove and Michigan Aves.

Owen, Mrs. L. E., res. the same.

Oxley, Chas., plumber, res. Main St., betw. 1st and 2nd Aves., 4-h-w.

Oxley, Mrs. L. M., res. the same.

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Parkhurst, Wm., res. 5th, betw. Park and Pasewalk Aves. east side.

Parkhurst, Mrs. P., res. the same.

Pasewalk, F., res. 5th, betw. Pasewalk and Bluff Aves., east side.

Pasewalk, Mrs. H., res. the same.

Pasewalk, H. A., agricultural implements, 105 Norfolk Ave.; bds. at Pacific House.

Peck, W. H., (Peck & Rowe), real estate; res. 9th, betw. Norfolk and Koenigstein Aves., 2-h-w.

Peck, Mrs. E. A., res. the same.

Pedersen, Lewis C., jeweler at R. N. Blair & Co.'s bds. at J. Chestnutwood's.

Pentz, Philip, res. ne cor. 6th and street rear of Park Ave.

Pentz, Mrs. E., res. the same.

Perrin, Isaac, engineer, rms. at Thomas Ferguson's.

Peter, Richard, bartender, rms. at saloon, ne cor. 2nd and Norfolk Avenue.

Peter, Frank, farmer, bds. A. Heckman's.

Peterson, C. A., conductor, res. ne cor. 3rd and Pasewalk Ave.

Peterson, Mrs. M., res. the same.

Peterson, Michael, bds, as above.

Peterson, Thomas, mason, res. 6th, betw. Madison and Phillip Aves., 2-h-w.

Peterson, Mrs. C., res. the same.

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Maps

Salzburg, Rothenberg ob der Tauber, Italy & Balkan Peninsula, London, Britain, Paris, France, Firenze, Napoli, Belgium, Roma, Germany, Munich, Scotland, Wales, Sanborn Fire Maps for Norfolk on CD.

Yearbooks

Norfolk Catholic: 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, Assumption Academy: 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963

Index List of Names in Best Cemetery, Index for A History of Antelope County Nebraska 1868 to 1883.

Magazines: The Blair Family Magazine, The Pipost (Minn/Wisc. Lake Pepin Region), Genealogical Computing, Ancestry Magazine, plus new issues of our regular subscriptions.

Posters: He's up to his neck, too but he's giving. Give to your Community War Fund. (WW II)

Videocassette: Genealogy by Genetics.

Family History: Wiegert and Johnson Family Ancestor Charts & Group Sheets, 4 folders.

Booklets: Osmond United Methodist Church Open House, Centennial of the Osmond UMC, and 2 Osmond UMN Church Directories, Thabor Lutheran Church Wausa, Neb. Centennial, Crawford Valley Methodist Church Plainview, 1882-1957, Centennial of the Crawford Valley UMC 1882-1982, St. Mary's Church, Osmond, 1904-1979 and accompanying news clipping.

Family Tree Magazine Names Top Genealogy Public Libraries

The cover story in the October 2002 issue of Family Tree Magazine spotlights ten "Leaders of the Stacks," libraries that offer exceptional resources for researching family history. The selection was made by the magazine's contributing editor Rick Crume, creator of the Genealogical Library Master Catalog CD-ROM, in consultation with the magazine's staff and contributing professional genealogists.

"Genealogy is America's fastest growing hobby," said David Fryxell, editor-in-chief of the magazine, "and these libraries are providing exceptional resources for both beginners and experienced researchers. The records they maintain and make available hold essential pieces of the puzzle of our past-answers to questions about our ancestors who made America what it is today."

The top ten public libraries are: 1. Allen County, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2. Birmingham, Alabama, 3. Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio, 4. Clayton Library, Houston, Texas, 5. Dallas, Texas, 6. Denver, Colorado, 7. Detroit, Michigan, 8. Los Angeles, California, 9. Mid-Continent, Independence, Missouri, 10. New York City.

**Every genealogist has a right to his or her own opinions,
but no genealogist should be wrong about his facts.**

DEER CREEK PRECINCT, Township 24 North, Range 3 West of the 6th P.M. Madison County, Nebraska. Names of persons living on or owning land in Deer Creek Precinct extracted from the STANDARD ATLAS OF MADISON COUNTY OF 1918. Extracted by Jeanne Rix.

Armstrong, Wm., Sec 13	Kirby, P. W., Sec 10	Schelling, G., Sec 31
Baker, L. B., Sec 2, 12,14, 15, 36	Kirby, P., Sec 35	Schinkers, Robet H., Sec 23
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Kirby, E., Sec 4		

1899 Deer Creek Township

Extracted by Richard Strenge

The following comes from the Plat Book of Madison County, Nebraska published in 1899. The pages inside said, Patron's Directory of Madison County, Nebraska.

Deer Creek Township

Name	Business	Post Office	Sec.
Coltman, Wm.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove	8
Hale, E. M.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Battle Creek	31
Harding, John H.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove	30
Jackson, J. H.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Battle Creek	22
McCole, Jas. L.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Battle Creek	3
McKirahan, John	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Battle Creek	22
Sutley, F. M.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove	20

Deer Creek Township

Extracted by Richard Strenge

1918 Patron's Reference Directory of Madison County, Nebraska

The following list is from the Standard Atlas of Madison County, Nebraska 1918

EXPLANATION -- The date following a name indicates the length of time the party has been a resident in the county. The abbreviations are as follows: S. for Section; P. for Precinct; P. O. for Post-office address. When no Section Number or Township is given, it will be understood that the party resides within the limits of the village or city named, and, in such cases, the post-office address is the same as the place of residence, unless otherwise stated.

{In the above Precinct and Township are the same thing, just different words are used.}

Hayden, E. R., Farmer and Breeder of Roan Durham Cattle, Draft Horses , Hampshire Hogs and Rhode Island Chickens, S. 9, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove.

Mr. Hayden is married to Louisa M. Shaw.

Koetter, Chas. H., Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and all kinds of Poultry, Willow Grove Stock Farm, S. 29, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. 1893. Born in Germany in 1864 and married Minnie Scheerger who was born in Nebraska in 1877.

Kurpgeweit, L. F., Farmer and Stockraiser, Ash Grove Stock Farm, S. 10, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. 1876. Born in Germany in 1874 and married Anna Meissner.

Lucht, John, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses, Poland China Hogs and Plymouth Rock Chickens, S. 32, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove.

Reeker, F. W., Farmer and Breeder of Hereford Cattle, Persheron Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Rhode Island Red Chickens, Deer Creek Stock Farm, S. 32, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. 1895. Born in Nebraska in 1873. Mrs Reeker was born in Nebraska in 1877.

Saltz, Ernest, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses, Poland China Hogs and White Leghorn Chickens, Ash Grove Stock and Grain Farm, S. 4, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. 1912. Born in Wisconsin in 1872 and married Bertha Nancy Boyles.

Sheers, Philip, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses, Poland China Hogs and Buff Orpington Chickens, Pleasant Grove Stock Farm, S. 6, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. Married to Maggie E. Williams. Mr. Sheers has served as School Director.

Sullivan, J. L., Farmer, S. 19, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. Born in Madison County in 1885 and married Laura Botsford. Mr. Sullivan has served as School Director for three years.

Tiedgen, A. E., Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Plymouth Rock Chickens, Deer Creek Valley Stock Farm, S. 30, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. Born in Madison County in 1876 and married Mattie Bueler who was born in Nebraska in 1877.

Williams, W. M. V., Farmer and Breeder of Red Polled Cattle, Draft Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Plymouth Rock Chickens, Pleasant Hill Stock Farm, S. 5, P. Deer Creek, P.O. Meadow Grove. 1882. Born in Nebraska in 1880 and married Cora Boyles who was born in Iowa in 1885.

"Returning a Family Bible" or "A Case of Reverse Genealogy"

Rudy Streng wrote, "I have in my possession a large Bible with a marriage certificate bound in the center. It was discovered by my parents about 1945 in Norwalk, CT and has the names Albert W. Monroe marrying Linie (Lina) G. Fitzpatrick, both of NYC. The certificate is dated July 2, 1877. I would like to locate some descendant of these people to pass this bible on to them." Megan Smolnyak Smolnyak responded: I work on the Army's Korean Repatriation Project, tracing families of servicemen who were MIA or KIA about fifty years ago. Consequently, I've become fairly skilled at what I call "reverse genealogy" that is, following families forward in time, rather than back, to locate them today.

Here's the steps Megan followed: Noting that the marriage occurred in 1877, I began by consulting the 1880 every-name census index created by the Family History Library available on the internet. Within moments, I found the young couple with their first two children, so now I had a few more family details.

At this point, I tried a tactic that, in my experience, remains a bit of a long shot. But in those cases when it succeeds, it is so helpful that it would be foolish not to at least make an attempt. I simply consulted several resources where individuals have uploaded family trees to the internet. I found slightly different versions of the family tree in the Ancestry World Tree and another collection of lineages. By combining information from both trees, I was able to determine the likely names of two living descendants, great-grandchildren of the couple in the Bible.

Luck was on my side because one of them was publicly listed in online phone books, such as the one at Ancestry. Com. Total time? Perhaps fifteen minutes. I gathered the information and sent it to Rudy, who had written the original e-mail about the Bible.

Rudy made the contact and the excited descendants immediately confirmed their relationship and thanked him for taking the trouble to locate them. One, as it happens, is an avid genealogist. The Bible will soon be presented in person to one of the great-grandchildren personally in the very near future. This is an exceptional case of how easy it can be to return lost items to grateful relatives. Source: Ancestry Weekly Digest, Saturday Dec. 21, 2002

For more on lost and orphaned items see page 55.

**1899 and 1918
Deer Creek Township**

Surname	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Cemetery, City
Coltman, Wm.	1846	1921	Union, Battle Creek
Harding, John H.	05-23-1862	08-10-1941	Union, Battle Creek
Harding, John, Mrs.		09-??-1897	Union, Battle Creek
Jackson, Joseph H.	1845	1917	Jackson, Battle Creek
Koetter, Charles H.	1864	1949	St. John's, Battle Creek
Koetter, Minnie (Scheerger)	01-??-1877	10-29-1959	St. John's, Battle Creek
Kurpgeweit, Leopold F.	09-22-1874	08-31-1922	St. John's, Battle Creek
Lucht, John Fredrick, Jr.	04-20-1880	07-13-1964	St. John's, Battle Creek
Lucht, Mary A. (Fenske)	10-12-1885	02-05-1961	St. John's, Battle Creek
McCole, James H.	03-27-1860	09-10-1942	St. Mary's, Tilden
McKirahan, John	03-??-1829	08-21-1908	Jackson, Battle Creek
Reeker, Frederick W.	02-25-1873	12-16-1921	St. John's, Battle Creek
Reeker, Rosina L.	12-10-1877	04-05-1967	St. John's, Battle Creek
Saltz, Bertha N.	1879	1924	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Saltz, Ernest I.	11-04-1872	01-18-1970	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Sheets, Maggie	1870	1950	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Sheets, Philip	1867	1951	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Sullivan, Laura H.	11-27-1894	12-08-1918	St. Patrick's, Battle Creek
Sutley, Francis M.		02-23-1904	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Tiedgen, Adolph E.	05-25-1876	12-05-1961	St. Mathew's, Meadow Grove
Tiedgen, Mattie	1877	10-??-1958	St. Mathew's, Meadow Grove
Williams, Cora M. (Boyles)	06-06-1885	03-10-1957	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Williams, William V.	09-01-1880	08-24-1960	McCoy, Meadow Grove

Genealogical Resolutions for 2003

Education: Make a commitment to expand your personal enrichment and education by making a list of topics you want to learn more about. An example is by Reading about: 1) Identify a PLACE where your ancestors lived and locate a county or local history book to provide more insight, 2) Identify an EVENT which influenced your ancestors or in which they participated, such as the Civil War or a diary of a pioneer who migrated by wagon to the place where they settled, and learn about the life and conditions of those times, 3) Identify a RECORD TYPE you've never investigated, such as land records or voter rolls, and locate reading material on that.

Conferences: Consider attending a local, regional, or national genealogical conference. There is no finer opportunity to learn than from hearing other genealogists speak, while at the same time networking and socializing with other researchers, and shopping and talking with genealogical book and supplies vendors. There are hundreds of events around the country.

Computer Skills: With the explosive growth of genealogically-related information being made available on the internet, it is important to expand and/or hone our skills in order to access and take advantage of it. There are all kinds of classes available to help including through your Community College and your local Genealogical Society. There are also a variety of online genealogy classes available, both real-time and self-directed, including the Genealogy Training Workshop series offered by MyFamily.com. Continued on Page 53

40 YEARS A HERMIT "UNCLE JOHNNIE" DIES

----- QUAINT OLD CHARACTER OF YELLOW BANKS SUCCUMBS

----- LIVED ALL ALONE IN WOODS

----- **John McKirahan, Who Settled All Alone in the Yellow Banks Many Years Ago, Dies at Foster---Funeral Will be Held Under the Big Elm.**

Foster, Neb., Aug. 21,---Special to The News: John McKirahan, for forty years known as "Uncle Johnnie, hermit of the Yellow Banks," died here today at the home of Eugene Crook, the Foster banker, at whose home he had been for a year. He was an uncle to Mrs. Crook.

"Uncle Johnnie" owned the land on which the Yellow Banks are located, thirteen miles northwest of Norfolk. He settled there in the woods, on the bank of the Elkhorn, almost a half century ago and lived alone until settlers invaded.

Mr. McKirahan would have been eighty years of age next March. He had been feeble for some time and was tenderly cared for in the Crook home.

Pathetic Funeral Under Old Elm.

There will be a touch of pathos in the funereal of John McKirahan, which will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock beneath the "Big Elm" at the yellow Banks---the monster old tree near which this man settled in the days of the Indians and under whose protecting branches he lived in his own peculiar way, all alone, for more than two score summers and winters. There beneath the old elm the funeral services will be held. Burial will be in Jackson's cemetery, near by.

First Treasurer of Cuming County.

John McKirahan was the first treasurer of Cuming county, Neb. He came to Omaha in 1857 and to West Point in 1858. In 1862 he settled all alone in the Yellow Banks to live the life of the hermit in the woods and wilderness. He was born in Ohio.

In an early Indian raid he lost everything he had, the redmen taking everything they could get their hands on.

"Romance" Was Pure Fiction.

There used to be a tale that McKirahan had been disappointed in love and that was why he chose a hermit's existence. Relatives say this was pure fiction.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, August 21, 1908, page 4.

New Books at the Norfolk Public Library

The 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion: Cowboy Cannoneers in the Korean War, pub. by the Wyoming National Guard, c. 2000 call # 951.9 THR

A Dutch-English odyssey: stories of Brewer and Estey families in North America, 1636-1996, by Floyd I. Brewer, c. 1997 call # 929.2 BRE

Fort Miller, California, 1851-1865, by Bertina Richter, c. 1988 (author is from Scottsbluff, NE)

Items from the Past

Compiled by Richard Strenge

Mrs. John Harding of Battle Creek died in southern Missouri after a very short illness last week and the body was brought home Saturday night being accompanied by the family and friends. The funeral services were held Sunday morning at the Methodist Church at Battle Creek and the interment took place in Union Cemetery. Mrs. Harding was 34 years of age and leaves three small children, two sons and a daughter.

The five weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwede, living three miles east of town, died Sunday night of cholera infantum. The funeral was held from the house yesterday and the little one's body laid to rest in the German Lutheran Cemetery, Rev. J. P. Mueller officiating at the ceremonies.

Perry Williams, who formerly made his home in Norfolk and is well known to most of the people here, will be married tomorrow at Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Miss Edith Jenks. The happy couple will make a wedding trip to Omaha where they will visit friends and attend the state fair a few days.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday, September 14, 1897, page 3.

Mrs. Guy L. Jenks

Mrs. Guy L. Jenks, formerly Miss Anna Pillar of this city, died here at Greenville, Mich., at 8 o'clock this morning from Bright's disease. Mrs. Louise Vogt, mother of Mrs. Jenks, is anxious that the remains be brought to Norfolk for interment.

Anna Pillar was born in Germany on December 6, forty-four years ago. She came to Norfolk with her parents about forty years ago and two years later her mother died. Mrs. Louise Pillar, now Mrs. Vogt, has been a mother to her ever since. On Sept. 29 last year Pillar was united in wedlock to Guy L. Jenks at Ionia, Mich.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday, May 7, 1912, page 2.

Mrs. Koetter of Meadow Grove is taken at 82.

Mrs. Charles Koetter died Thursday in a Tilden hospital. Funeral rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church at Battle Creek by the Rev. Philip Unterschultz, pastor. Burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery.

Caroline Minnie Scheerger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scheerger Sr., was born Jan. 23, 1877, south of Battle Creek. She was married Jan. 23, 1896, to Charles Koetter. They moved to a farm between Battle Creek and Meadow Grove, where she spent the remainder of her life. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clara Mandel of Meadow Grove and Mrs. William Mantey of Battle Creek; three sons, Fred, Elmer and Edmund, all of Meadow Grove; four grandchildren, and three brothers, John Scheerger of Battle Creek, Ernest Scheerger of Tilden, and Fred Scheerger of Portland, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1949.

Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, October 30, 1959, page 1.

{Editor's note: Dates listed as found in the paper for Mrs. Charles (Minnie) Koetter.}

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Koetter, 82, who died Thursday were held Sunday from St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek. Minnie Scheerger was born Jan. 19, 1877, near Battle Creek to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scheerger. She was married to Charles

Koetter at Battle Creek Jan. 23, 1896. Mr. Koetter died in 1949. She had reached the age of 82 years, 9 months and 11 days.

Source; Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, November 2, 1959, page 11. {Editor's note: Dates listed as found in the paper for Mrs. Charles (Minnie) Koetter.}

Battle Creek column:

Hengstler Bros. bought Fred Schereger's implement stock and have moved it into their large building on West Main Street. {Editor's Note: Surname typed as found in the newspaper article.}

John Lucht died Tuesday afternoon of old age disability at his home one mile south of town, He was seventy-seven years old and one of the first settlers. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Lutheran Church, conducted by Ref. J. Hoffman and the remains were interred at the Lutheran Cemetery. He was a native of Holstein, Germany, and was in revolutionary war in 1848. He is survived by his aged wife, three daughters--- Mrs. A. Hohenstein, Mrs. F. Reeker and Miss Mary Lucht---and one son, John Lucht.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Saturday, March 23, 1907, page 4.

Committal services for Mrs. John Lucht, 75, Ainsworth, will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Lutheran Cemetery at Battle Creek.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday, February 7, 1961, page 9.

Thursday Rites for John Lucht. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Lutheran Church here for John Lucht, 84, Ainsworth, formerly of Battle Creek. Burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery at Battle Creek.

Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, July 15, 1964, page 3.

Funeral services for John Fredrick Lucht, 84, Ainsworth, who died July 13, were held July 16, at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Alvin Lade officiating. Burial was at Battle Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Lucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucht, was born in Battle Creek April 20, 1880. On Feb. 21, 1905 he married Mary Augusta Fenske of Battle Creek. They made their home in Battle Creek until 1918 when they moved 13 miles southeast of Bassett. In 1930 they moved to Brown County and made their home near Ainsworth. Following his wife's death he made his home with his son Edward of Wood Lake.

Survivors include five sons, Edward, Wood Lake, Elmer, Long Pine, Alfred, Paul, Idaho, Walter, Crookston, and Leroy, Ainsworth; three daughters, Mrs. John Wilcox, Stuart, Mrs. Melvin Freeman, Ainsworth, and Mrs. Ralph Graham, Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Rosa Reeker, Battle Creek, and Mary Lucht, Norfolk; 32 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two infant sons, his parents, and two sisters.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, July 22, 1964, page 19.

Death of Baby

George Nistle, the eight-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nistle died Friday morning at 9:30. The child had been very sick for several days.

The funeral will take place at the house Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, August 21, 1908, page 4.

DAILY DRIFT

Mrs. Sutley, wife of a farmer living two miles south of Meadow Grove, died suddenly of heart disease on Sunday evening, while preparing supper.

Perry Williams has recovered from his late illness and has returned from Council Bluffs, where he has been with his parents. He went out on his usual run on the U. P. this morning.

Mr. J. E. Chesney was thought to be very much worse early this morning, but a change at noon left him better. Although he cannot speak as yet, he appears to be more cognizant of his surroundings than at any time since he was stricken down on Saturday.

Dr. Brooks of Newell, Iowa, who was called here by the illness of his father-in-law J. E. Chesney, says that the newspaper accounts regarding the late cyclone at Pomeroy, Iowa, are in no wise exaggerated. The destruction of property and loss of life, and the terrible amount of suffering among the wounded is simply indescribable. Dr. Brooks is pretty well tired out, have been with the sufferers since the storm until called here. He left his patients in care of a brother physician while away, but returned to Pomeroy today. Among his share of patients are eleven persons all of one family, each one being badly crippled, and not a whole plank

It will be remembered by many readers of The News that several months ago Levi Innes, a brakeman on the Scribner branch of the F. E. & M. V. road was seriously injured while switching at Scribner. His case was watched with great interest, as his back was badly crushed and supposed to be broken. After lingering on the brink of death for weeks, Mr. Innes began to improve very slowly until he is now able to be taken around in an invalid chair, and is fast regaining his strength. This is one of the remarkable cases that occur now and then to puzzle the medical fraternity.

Mrs. Chris Madsen received a telegram from her son George about noon stating that he and his brother Chris. had started from Madison, Wis., early this morning with the body of their father, and would reach here tomorrow. The funeral services will be held in the Methodist church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Philip McKim officiating with the Episcopalian service. No further particulars regarding Mr. Madsen's death at Munroe have been received. He had written to his wife that he was going to Munroe on business, and it is presumed he died suddenly as he was subject to severe fainting spells since his illness last winter.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, July 12, 1893, page 5.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Tiedgen, 80, Meadow Grove, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mathews Lutheran Church in Meadow Grove.

Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday, October 21, 1958, page 9.

A. E. Tiedgen, 85, of Meadow Grove, died Tuesday in the Tilden Community Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at his home in Meadow Grove and at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church in Meadow Grove.

Mr. Tiedgen was born May 25, 1876, at Battle Creek. He spent all of his life in the Meadow Grove community.

He is survived by one son, Edward Tiedgen of Drake, Colo.; two daughters, Mrs. Carl Rodekohl of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mrs. Burt Berg of Meadow Grove; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday, December 7, 1961, page 3.

Mrs. Will Williams, 72, Meadow Grove, died at 1:20 a.m. Sunday in the Tilden hospital.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church in Meadow Grove. Burial will be in McCoy Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Pat Anstine of Norfolk, and Mrs. J. Gilbert Wiese of Neligh; two sons, Harold and Howard of Meadow Grove; four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Moses Cleveland of Meadow Grove and Mrs. Ina Bowser of Portland, Ore., and one brother, Jess Boyles of Torrington, Wyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams farmed in this community many years. Since their retirement they had lived in Meadow Grove.

Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, March 11, 1957, page 1.

{Editor's Note: Survivor information written as found in the article.}

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Funeral services for Mrs. William V. Williams, 71, who died Sunday morning were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church in Meadow Grove. The Rev. Harold W. Dodson officiated. Burial was in McCoy Cemetery.

Cora Myrtle Boyles was born June 6, 1885, at Primghar, Iowa, and died March 10 at a Tilden hospital at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 4 days.

Her family moved to the Meadow Grove community when she was 7 and she lived here since.

She was married to William V. Williams at Neligh in 1903 and four children were born to them.

Mrs. Williams is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Pat Anstine of Norfolk and Mrs. Gilbert Wiese of Neligh; two sons, Harold and Howard, of Meadow Grove; four grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Mose Cleveland of Meadow Grove, Mrs. Bird Mills of Max and Mrs. Ina Bowser of Portland, Ore., and one brother Jeff Boyles, Torrington, Wyo. Four sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday, March 14, 1957, page 13.

{Editor's Note: Survivor information written as found in the article.}

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Funeral services for William Williams, 79, Meadow Grove, retired farmer, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Methodist Church in Meadow Grove by the Rev. Herbert Gilbert, pastor. Burial will be in the McCoy Cemetery.

Mr. Williams was born Sept. 1, 1880, at Blair, and died Wednesday in the Tilden hospital. He had resided in the Meadow Grove community since a youth.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Pat Anstine of Neligh, two sons, Howard and Harold of Meadow Grove, four grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one brother, Frank of Winner. S.D.

Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, August 26, 1960, page 3.

{Editor's Note: Survivor information written as found in the article.}

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Funeral services for William Williams, 79, Meadow Grove, were to be conducted Saturday at the First Methodist Church. Mr. Williams is survived by his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Pat Anstine of Norfolk and Mrs. J. Gilbert Wiese of Neligh; two sons, Howard and Harold of Meadow Grove, four grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one brother,

Frank of Winner, S.D. Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, Saturday, August 27, 1960, page 9. {Editor's Note: Survivor information written as found in the article.}

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Saturday afternoon for William V. Williams of Meadow Grove.

William Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Williams was born at Herman, Sept. 1, 1880, and died at the Tilden Community Hospital on Aug. 24, 1960, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 23 days.

When a child he moved with his parents to the Meadow Grove community where he had since resided. Until his retirement a few years ago he was a farmer.

In 1903 he was married to Miss Cora Boyles at Neligh. They were the parents of four children. She preceded him in death a few years ago.

On Sept. 27, 1958, he was married to Lena Mavis who survives him. Other survivors included two daughters, Mrs. J. Golbert Wiese, Neligh and Mrs. Pat Anstine, Norfolk; two sons, Howard and Harold of meadow Grove; four grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Frank of Ideal, S. D., a half brother, John of Portland, Ore.; two step-daughters and three stepsons.

Activities for a Family Reunion With a Family History Theme

Every year, our family has a family reunion during the summer and at Christmas time. We rotate the hosting responsibilities between the five daughters of the Crosby family. Because our family has experienced many deaths this year, plus that of Grandma and Grandpa Crosby, who died in the early 1980s, we decided to go with a "family" theme. We want to remind the younger family members of these other members that have died.

One family-themed activity revolved around buying gifts that referred to stories about Grandma and Grandpa Crosby, for our traditional family drawing. When the person wins a gift there will be a story about the gift attached to read aloud. For example, along with a box of Cheerios, they will read "What was Grandpa's favorite breakfast food?" For "What did Grandpa keep hidden in the tire in the garage so Grandma wouldn't see?," we have a bottle of Whiskey. We also have Fig Newtons for, "What kind of cookie did you hate to get from Grandma?"

In addition, we made old family photographs into a placemat, with the facts about a person that is no longer with us. We hope this will be a good conversation piece.

We will also have a bare tree centered in the middle of the room. While we are eating, each person will hang a personalized star on the tree, with which they will introduce themselves. The star has information they filled out at the table such as name, birth date, birthplace, father, and mother. This family has grown to over 200 people and this is a good way to get to know new family members.

For games, we are breaking into five family lines. They have to race to put everyone in their family line into various orders, like age, alphabetic names, height, and birth date. Everyone can play this from the youngest to the oldest, no matter if they are in a stroller or wheelchair. We also have a tablecloth embroidered with the Crosby name in the center, for new family members to sign. Someone embroiders the names and adds a photo of the person above their signature, afterward. This is brought back year after year for new family members to sign. We also have a 42-foot long family tree to hang on the wall, that also has everyone's picture and vital information.

I hope this will help others to have fun and learn about their family roots at the same time. The real strange part about the CROSBY Christmas is there isn't a Crosby name in the bunch because Grandma and Grandpa Crosby had 5 girls and they all married and have different names. But it will always be known as the Crosby Christmas.

Carolyn Obertein, Saginaw, Michigan

Source: Ancestry Weekly Digest, Saturday December 21, 2002

Resolutions continued from Page 46

Writing Skills: Consider taking a creative writing class to help in organizing and effectively writing your family history. And don't forget to learn (or refresh) those citation skills so that you document your sources for your readers who wish to follow your research trail.

Personal Research:

Something Old: Do you have a brick wall you abandoned some time back? Make a commitment to return to it and research it again. Since the last time you worked on it, you may have gathered more information on the family, on a sibling, or on a collateral line, which may illuminate that important crack in the wall. Also there is a wealth of new information made available in print and online over time and there may be some fresh information or leads to be found.

Something New: Investigate a new line or one that you have put off for a while. A 'fresh crop' of ancestors to research can give you a new perspective, energize your research, and teach you new skills all at the same time.

Making Contact: If you've been procrastinating about broadcasting queries to other people about the lines and individuals you're researching, 2003 is a great time to start. The online message boards, such as those at Ancestry. Com contain thousands of categories where you can place your queries: by surname, geographic location, ethnic group, religious group, subject, and other subject areas. In addition, you might want to try subscribing to a mailing list, such as one for a surname you're researching. RootsWeb.com is the host and focal point for the majority of genealogical mailing lists. Begin reaching out to share information with other researchers.

Become a "Joiner"

Genealogical Societies: Join a genealogical society in your area, regardless of whether you have ancestors from there or not. Lots of people are from other places too, but the joy of gathering and sharing with others with the genealogical addiction is wonderful. You will learn from others' experience and you can help others. There are projects and training opportunities in which you can get involved.

Also don't hesitate to join a remote genealogical society in a place in which your ancestors lived. Membership fees are reasonable and the newsletters and/or journals they publish carry lots of information to help you put your family in to geographical and historical context. Another benefit may be that you can place queries in their publications and ask other members to help you with on-site research and look-ups.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you are comfortable with helping others, you might consider volunteering a little time to your library to help organize their genealogy collection or to help other people with their research. It can be a fun way to contribute to the community and to learn more while helping others.

You're in Control:

Making resolutions can be intimidating. You're making a commitment to yourself! But you are in control. You can make as many or as few commitments as you want. Remember, There are no limits except those that you place on yourself.

Source: Edited from George G. Morgan's column "Along Those Lines" at Ancestry.com 12/23/2002

The Nebraska Graybook for 1935

A Survey of Dentists, Physicians and Druggists of Nebraska

Population of Madison County 26,037

Dentists 21 DDS — Doctors 32 MD — Druggists 20 PFC, PFG, REG

Surname	Degree	Yr. Gr.	Exp.	Location	Surname	Degree	Yr. Gr.	Exp.	Location
Baker, E. E.	PHC	1927	10	Tilden	Herrington, Grace	REG	N1907	31	Newman Grove
Barber, T. M.	MD	1927	7	Norfolk	Herrington, N. W.	PHG	1902	35	Newman Grove
Barr, C. C.	MD	1907	27	Tilden	Hoopman, E. J.	DDS	1908	26	Norfolk
Barry, A. C.	MD	1915	19	Norfolk	Howley, A. N.	MD	1907	27	Norfolk
Braasch, W. A.	REG	1932	4	Norfolk	Jensen, Frank	MD	1903	31	Newman Grove
Brauer, S. H.	MD	1926	8	Norfolk	Loder, L. L.	MD	1933	1	Tilden
Brush, E. L.	MD	1906	28	Norfolk	McDonald, H. C.	PHG	1906	28	Newman Grove
Bullis, O. E.	PHG	1905	29	Norfolk	McVaney, E. D.	DDS	1925	9	Norfolk
Bush, C. E.	DDS	1931	3	Tilden	Mielenz, D. L.	DDS	1931	3	Norfolk
Campbell, S. A.	MD	1898	36	Norfolk	Miner, W. H.	DDS	1915	19	Norfolk
Carter, J. R.	PHC	1900	35	Norfolk	Morrow, James K.	MD	1930	4	Norfolk
Charlton, Geo. E.	MD	1907	27	Norfolk	Mullong, C. R.	MD	1909	25	Norfolk
Conwell, G. D.	MD	1926	8	Norfolk	Pilger, Walter	MD	1905	29	Norfolk
Crane, W. E.	DDS	1908	26	Norfolk	Pollack, F. A.	MD	1917	17	Norfolk
Davault, W. W.	MD	1912	22	Norfolk	Porter, Harve	PHG	1913	24	Norfolk
Drummond, C. C.	MD	1896	38	Norfolk	Porter, Harve	PHG	1913	24	Norfolk
Eaton, W. H.	DDS	1915	19	Norfolk	Saeger, W. H.	DDS	1914	20	Norfolk
Farner, B. R.	MD	1925	9	Norfolk	Salter, Geo. B.	MD	1931	3	Norfolk
Fleming, C. J.	REG	1902	36	Norfolk	Salter, P. H.	MD	1885	29	Norfolk
Frink, F. L.	MD	1891	43	Newman Grove	Schreiner, O. C.	DDS	1932	2	Norfolk
Gadbois, E. A.	MD	1903	31	Norfolk	Seymour, J. B.	PHG	1923	18	Norfolk
Geist, O. E.	PHG	1917	20	Norfolk	Shelton, S. W.	MD	1928	6	Norfolk
Griffin, F. J.	DDS	1925	9	Tilden	Siman, V. L.	MD	1913	21	Norfolk
Grothe, Fred	PHG	1929	9	Norfolk	Stark, L.	MD	1903	31	Norfolk
Hale, V. G.	PHG	1925	14	Norfolk	Tanner, Richard	MD	1909	25	Norfolk
Hall, W. R.	DDS	1909	25	Norfolk	Verges, C. J.	MD	1908	26	Norfolk
Hamilton, T. A.	DDS	1927	7	Norfolk	Wary, N. M.	DDS	1930	4	Newman Grove
Hansen, Bruno	PFG	1914	27	Tilden	Waters, T. H.	MD	1901	33	Norfolk
Hansen, C. F.	DDS	1907	27	Norfolk	Weber, W. A.	DDS	1922	12	Norfolk
Hastings, W. C.	DDS	1903	31	Newman Grove	Winkle, V. M.	MD	1929	5	Norfolk
Healey, Frank	PHG	1931	6	Norfolk	Young, G. A.	MD	1900	34	Norfolk
Heeren-Morris, Edna	MD	1911	23	Norfolk					
Henning, G. G.	MD	1929	5	Norfolk					
Herbst, A. P.	DDS	1926	8	Norfolk					

*When we were young, we did not ask questions;
Now that we're old, there's no one to answer them.*

Honoring Our Ancestors: Orphan Photos

Who among us doesn't have a few mystery photos stashed away in a closet or old scrapbook somewhere? And how many of us have winced to find some family's treasured photos for sale in an antiques store or flea market? I call these unidentified and wandering pictures "orphan photos." I'd love it if we could start an epidemic of genealogical kindness geared toward getting family treasures - photos, Bibles, documents and other heirlooms - back into the hands of someone from the family of origin who will properly care for the items and pass them on to future generations. And while we're at it, let's solve a few of our own personal history mysteries! Go to the following website to click on the links listed below. Be sure to check back often as sites change frequently. <http://www.honoringourancestors.com/orphanphotos.html>

Photobases

Ancient Faces - A site for easy uploading of family, military and mystery photos - not to mention family stories, websites and recipes. Thousands already searchable by name or place.

Dead Fred's Genealogy Photo Archive - This site offers thousands of identified photos for people searching for long-lost relatives. You can also upload your own mystery photos for others to possibly identify.

GeneaNet - An international portrait and post card database. Particularly strong in post cards, and in France and Belgium.

Other Photo Collection Sites

Ford and Nagle - Larry L. Ford and Eric C. Nagle are incurable collectors of antique family photos, Bibles, and documents. At this site, they alphabetically list hundreds of items they have found over the years. If you find something from your family, you contact them and they respond with pricing and shipping details. Lots of testimonials demonstrate lots of happy customers. Particularly worth a look if you have Ohio or Kentucky ancestors.

Surname Heirlooms - On this site, users can search alphabetized lists of keepsakes that have been found in antique stores, at auctions, through classifieds and other resources. While images are not shown, places, dates and descriptions are. Should you find an item of interest, you can request it for the cost of its original purchase plus postage.

Ancestor Photo Genealogy Archive - Donna Trewitt's free genealogy collection of family photos containing online vintage photographs. Many of these photos have been submitted by site visitors while others were found in antique stores and flea markets. They are posted here in hopes of reuniting them with family members.

Photographs from the Past - Mary Ann Allen's website is dedicated to mystery photographs from the past -- both her own and visitors'. This searchable site devotes full pages to each photo or related collection of photos.

Lost and Found Old Photographs - A site for mystery photographs. You can leave a message about any photos you're looking for or have a look through her extensive personal collection. Visitors who can prove a direct relationship to anyone in a photo can request the original for \$5.

Heirloom Search - Steve Smith's site to help family history researchers locate lost heirlooms and other family memorabilia of their UK ancestors. Includes hundreds of descriptions and thumbnails, especially of photos and postcards.

Other Searchable Memorabilia Sites

Somebody's Links Newsletter: Genealogical Treasures Found - Search back issues of Julia Case's wonderful newsletter to see if anyone has listed an item from your family's past. Be sure to try searching by location as well as name.

Your Past Connections - Ed Elliott's site dedicated to helping people find original items and memorabilia from their family's past. A free service with a searchable database of items. No images.

Past Voices: Letters Home - Letters are invaluable in family history research, but often they stray or get tucked away unnoticed in an attic. Lorine McGinnis Schulze has crafted a remarkable website to address this problem by helping users find or share their ancestors' words. You are invited to share your ancestors' letters or to search among those already on the site. She also provided resources for learning how to find and preserve old documents, family treasures and heirlooms.

eBay - Commercial auction site. Try searching on family names and the cities and towns where they lived for memorabilia such as old maps, Bibles, post cards, books, photos, and the like.

HeirloomsLost - The goal of this site is to reunite family mementos of the past with the present generation. Letters, post cards, photos and other items may be searched by family name or state. You can also register your wish list for others to see.

Ancestors Lost and Found - Ginger Cisewski's site containing descriptions of lost and found photos, Bibles, and other memorabilia. Viewers can scroll through the listings or post their own finds or wish lists.

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Memberships are \$10.00 for individual or \$15 per couple per year, due in September.

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The UnWritten: Saving Your Photo Stories for the Future - This excellent website produced by three teenage cousins will help you uncover and share the stories behind your photos so they can be captured for posterity.

Family Chronicle - An outstanding overview designed to help you date your mystery photos from the 1840s to the early 1900s. Based on an excellent series of articles run in the magazine, examples are provided from each decade to make the task just a tad easier.

19th Century Photographs - Andrew J. Morris has provided an easy to understand primer to explain the various types of 19th Century photographs, as well as clues they might contain to help you date your mystery photos. His site also includes many examples and an entertaining gallery.

Other Mystery-Solving Sites Worth a Look

GenSolver - An interesting site where folks frustrated by their brick walls post ads and offer rewards to experts to solve the puzzle. No resolution - no payment.

YourFamily.com - Contains searchable bulletin boards for long lost family and genealogy. Geared toward people rather than objects!

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You can check these out at the Society Library at the Elkhorn Valley Museum or at <http://www.honoringourancestors.com/orphanphotos.html>

Reminder:

**This months meeting is Tuesday, January 21st at
THE BRASS LANTERN at 6 PM.
Come enjoy the food and fun with your fellow genealogists!**